of NCC annual report for 1985-86 wherein company's total expenditure including R&D is Rs. 15 crores;

(c) if so, what action is contemplated in this regard; and

(d) what steps are proposed by Government to check false claims made by public companies announcing new issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

BHEL

1450. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL which has been entrusted with the crucial portion of advanced technology vessels project (ATV) of the Indian Navy some years back is yet to deliver its portion of the project thereby jeopardising the entire project;

(b) if so, what is the period of delay in delivering its portion of the project by BHEL stating the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) to (c) It would not be in public interest to furnish the information.

Relief to Cement Industry

1451. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently provided any relief to the cement industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government have recently provided following reliefs to the cement industry:—

(i) Levy obligation of all cement units has been reduced by 10 per cent w.e.f. 15-12-86.

(ii) Retention price for levy cement has been increased by Rs. 24.50 per tonne w.e.f. 15-12-86.

(iii) Payment of Rs. 9/- per tonne by the cement factories to the Cement Regulation Account on the non-levy production of cement has been discontinued from 15-12-86.

(iv) To compensate the cement industry for higher direct cost for generation of power from the DG sets installed after 28-2-82, appropriate relief is provided by reduction in their normal levy obligation.

(v) In respect of new cement units commencing production on or after 1-4-86, the excise duty incidence on Grey Portland Cement has been reduced by Rs. 50/- per tonne w.e.f. 1-3-87, provided the capacity utilisation is over 30 per cent of the installed capacity in each financial year and such cement is manufactured out of the Clinker produced within the same factory in which such cement is manufactured. This relief is available upto 31st March, 1990.

(vi) Levy quota in respect of new units commencing production on or after 1-4-86 has further been reduced from the existing level of 30 per cent of actual production to 15 per cent of actual production w.e.f. 1-3-87.

Social Burden of Public Units

1452. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news item captioned "Social burden on Public Units" as reported in 'the Hindustan Times' dated the 9th February, 1987;

(b) whether the Department of Public Enterprises has asked the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) to work out the social burden on each of the public sector unit;

(c) by when the BPE will work out the social burden on each public sector unit and submit its report to Government; and

(d) what is the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Strategy to Boost the Growth of the Industry

1453. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have urged the State Governments to devise clear growth strategy of industries in the backward areas;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the impact of the Central subsidy is not effective due to clear device strategy of the growth of industries in the backward areas; and

(c) what further steps Central Government propose to take to adopt new strategy to boost the growth of industries in the backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Industrialisation of specific areas including backward is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned and they are supposed to devise strategy for this purpose depending on conditions existing in their States. Since removal of regional imbalances and industrialisation of backward areas is one of the cardinal aims of Union Government policy, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State by providing incentives/concessions in the shape of subsidy, tax concessions etc. for encouraging the entrepreneurs to set up industries in the identified backward areas. The policy of the Government in motivating States to develop backward areas as also the incentives etc. provided has yielded reasonable results as will be cleared from the number of Letters of Intent/Industrial Licence/DGTD Registrations issued in